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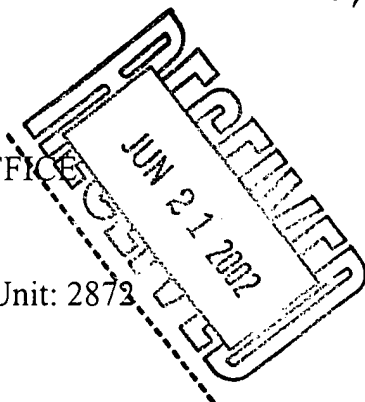
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For : SCANNER HAVING A LIGHT BEAM INCIDENT POSITION  
ADJUSTING DEVICE



### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 4,918,306 to SAITO, issued on April 17, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 4,998,790 to IIZUKA et al., issued on March 12, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,237,457 to OONO et al., issued on August 17, 1993;

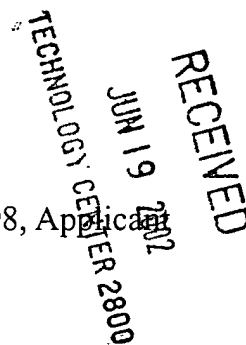
U.S. Patent No. 5,606,449 to NISHIYAMA, issued on February 25, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,621,562 to HAMA, issued April 15, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,610,755 to OHTSUKA, issued March 11, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,418,638 to HIRASAWA, issued May 23, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,936,756 to NAKAJIMA, issued August 10, 1999;



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U.S. Patent No. 5,307,104 to HAMASAKI, issued April 26, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 4,251,149 to KIMURA, issued February 17, 1981;

U.S. Patent No. 3,852,651 to DUFENDACH, issued December 3, 1974; and

JP 6-148491 to WAKAI et al., published May 27, 1994.

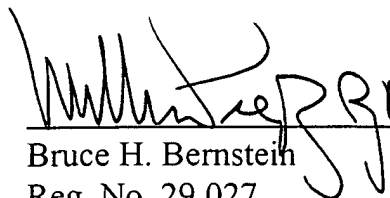
Applicant notes that the above-mentioned documents were either cited by the Examiner or were submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement in parent application No. 09/271,455 upon which the present application relies for an effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §1.20. Since copies of each of the above-mentioned documents were previously submitted, as well as an English language Abstract of the Japanese language document, Applicant has not attached them hereto in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent documents. The above-noted patent documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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